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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-16 are pending, with claims 11-16 being new. Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 have been amended merely in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Such amendments are not believed to alter the scope of the claims.

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Kobayashi.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 3 and 5-10 contain allowable matter and only stand objected to.

Claim 1 has also been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, which has been cancelled. In view of the indication by the Examiner that claim 2 contained allowable subject matter, it is believed that this amendment of claim 1 places claim 1 in condition for allowance, as well as claims 3-10 which depend from claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of and objections to claims 1 and 3-10 be withdrawn.


New claims 11-16 have been added. New independent claim 11 corresponds to original claims 1, 4 and 5. New dependent claims 12 and 13 correspond to original claims 6 and 7. New independent claim 14 corresponds to original claims 1, 4 and 8. New dependent claims 15 and 16 correspond to original claims 9 and 10. In view of

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the indication by the Examiner that claims 5 and 8 contain allowable subject matter, it is believed that new independent claims 11 and 14, containing the limitations of claims 5 and 8, respectively, are in condition for allowance, as well as claims 12, 13, 15 and 16, which depend therefrom.

In view of the above, it is believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice is respectfully requested. Should anything else be needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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